

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Orville Waxdahl was born on April 2, 1916, to Bernt and Sophie Waxdahl, in Lone Rock Township, Moody County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Orville graduated with honors from Egan High School and was one of five South Dakota Future Farmers of America (FFA) students awarded a trip from the Milwaukee Railroad to visit the Chicago World's Fair and on to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the National FFA Convention; and,

Whereas, Orville married Irma Grace Dunn on December 23, 1939, at the Lutheran parsonage in Flandreau, South Dakota, with the Reverend B.T. Anderson officiating, and to this union three children were born: Florence, Gordon and Don, who have in turn blessed their parents with seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and,

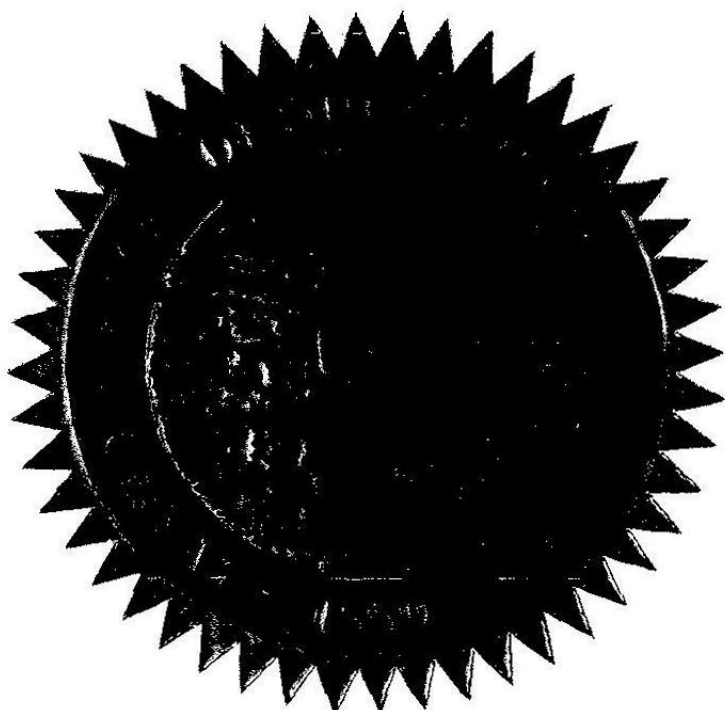
Whereas, Orville began his farming career with his father and has farmed his entire life at Lone Rock and Grovena Townships in Moody County, served on the Lone Rock Church Council as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, served on Grovena Township Board, charter board member of Bethel Home in Madison, Saby School board member, Lone Rock Cemetery board member and member of Messiah Lutheran Church; and,

Whereas, Orville will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on April 1, 2006, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

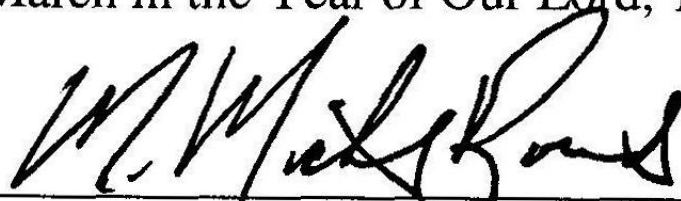
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State